

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 482 without my signature.

Instead, I am signing Senate Bill 755 (Poochigian), which addresses many of the same issues identified in this bill, including specifying the conditions under which English learners who receive instruction in their primary language must be administered a second test in this language. Unlike this bill, SB 755 also appropriates \$2.285 million to cover costs incurred in 2004-05 for maintaining and scoring the writing assessments pursuant to the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program and makes additional technical, conforming changes.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger